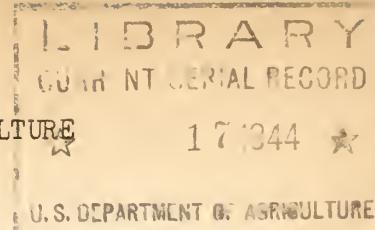


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Ld. FmUNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE
Washington 25, D. C.

FIELD MEMORANDUM SCS-1099

Re: Rodent Control Policy
(to supersede Manual
40230)

April 6, 1944

TO ALL RANKING FIELD OFFICERS:

On land under a plan of conservation operations (except land under the administration of the Soil Conservation Service), where rodent activities are a factor in land management or affect measures intended to accomplish soil and water conservation, Soil Conservation Service technicians will consult with district supervisors, or, on lands outside of districts, with cooperators, in order to determine the desirability of rodent control. Such determination will include careful consideration of the damage involved, the biologic desirability of control, kinds of control possible, and the cost of control over a period of years as weighed against the benefits to be obtained. If control by poisoning is determined to be desirable the Soil Conservation Service will assist the supervisors to obtain aid from the Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with the memorandum of understanding between that bureau and the Soil Conservation Service. If the Fish and Wildlife Service is unable to render assistance, the Soil Conservation Service will aid in obtaining available help from the County Agent, State, or other appropriate agency, or may itself provide necessary technical assistance, which will be limited to planning and instruction. Soil Conservation Service funds will not be expended for materials and labor.

On land under the administration of the Soil Conservation Service, technicians of the Service will determine the desirability of rodent control in accordance with the criteria stated above and whenever control is determined to be desirable, expenditure of funds not to exceed \$500 per fiscal year for such control may be authorized by the Regional Conservator. Expenditures for more than \$500 per region per fiscal year must be approved by the Chief of the Service.

Expenditure of funds for the control of rodents damaging government materials and supplies requires no special authorization.

Chief.

